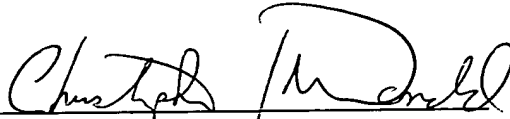


REMARKS

The amendment places the claims in conformance with U.S. practice by removing multiply dependent claims and reference numbers. No new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted,

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